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 TOPIC Infantry Regiment [REDACTED] in Tachov 25X1

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- 25X1 1. On 15 September 1950, Inf Regt [REDACTED] was transferred from Střibro (N 50/P 7L) to Tachov (N 50/P 54). The regiment was subordinate to an infantry division which was located in Pilsen (N 50/L 04) and was commanded by Colonel Suchomel, (fnu), who had succeeded General Patera, (fnu), upon the latter's reassignment in late October 1950. *
- 25X1 2. The regimental headquarters and most of the elements of the I Bn were located in a barracks installation on the northern edge of Tachov. The 1st and 5th Cos were quartered in the former Kopytarna Factory, cover name Partisan, about 1 km west of the town.
3. Staff Captain Cech, (fnu), was the commanding officer of the I Bn.
4. The regiment was organized into a headquarters and the I through III Bns. The I Bn consisted of three infantry companies, a machine gun company, a mortar company and an AT gun company. Its ration strength on 30 November 1950 was 15 officers and about 350 NCOs and EI. **
5. The equipment included German rifles and Czech models 48-A and B submachine guns, with magazines holding 20 and 38 cartridges respectively. Each infantry company had nine Czech model 26 light machine guns. There were 62 horses, including eight riding horses. The battalion had 19 light infantry carts, two trucks and one passenger car.
6. In January and May 1950, the regiment conducted field exercises of two or three weeks at the Kaiserwald troop training grounds. During the exercises in January, 10 to 12 tanks were attached to the regiment. Maneuvers, mostly night exercises, were held at division level in the Kaiserwald area from 15 June to 31 August 1950. During the maneuvers, three high-ranking Soviet officers were observed conferring with the Czech unit commanders.
7. It was rumored that the recruits inducted on 1 October 1950 were to serve for three years.
8. Numerous shipments of canned food and biscuits arrived in the barracks installation in the fall of 1950.

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9. A drivers' school, commanded by Staff Captain Hansa, (fnu), was located in the former Capuchin cloister in Horsovsky Tyn (N 50/P 71). About 170 soldiers belonging to various component units of the division in Pilsen participated in the courses there. An artillery unit was also stationed in Horsovsky Tyn. ***

25X1 * [] Comment. The I Bn of the 18th Inf Regt [] has been known in 25X1
 25X1 Tachov since April 1948 [] The battalion is confirmed there
 by the present report. [] The regimental headquarters,
 the regimental units and the replacement battalion were previously stationed in
 Stribro, the II Bn in Chodova Plana, and the III Bn in Bor. [] 25X1

[] The division
 in Pilsen is the 11th Inf Div. General Patera was confirmed as the division's
 commanding general. His successor, Colonel Suchomel, was previously identified
 as the commanding officer of the 18th Inf Regt. [] 25X1

25X1 ** [] Comment. [] an organic infantry battalion
 is organized into three infantry companies, one machine gun company and one heavy
 weapons company.

25X1 *** [] Comment. Probably the 252nd Mtz AT Arty Bn. [] 25X1

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